

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A method for creating cost system components in a supply chain utilizing a
2 network, comprising:
 - 3 a) defining a plurality of items utilizing a graphical user interface;
 - 4 b) selecting a supplier site from a set utilizing the graphical user interface, the set of
5 supplier sites being determined based on the definition of the items; and
 - 6 c) determining a distribution center utilizing the graphical user interface, the
7 distribution center being designated to interface with the supplier site for
8 distribution of the items.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the items are defined utilizing an item identifier,
2 a category, and a rank.
- 1 3. The method of claim 1, wherein the set of supplier sites are determined utilizing
2 on an association between the definition of the items and the supplier sites.
- 1 4. The method of claim 3, wherein the set of supplier sites are capable of supplying
2 the defined items.
- 1 5. The method of claim 1, wherein the supplier sites are defined utilizing a name and
2 a role identifier.
- 1 6. The method of claim 1, wherein the items are defined, the supplier site selected,
2 and the distribution center determined utilizing a network.
- 1 7. A system for creating cost system components in a supply chain utilizing a
2 network, comprising:

- 3 a) logic for defining a plurality of items utilizing a graphical user interface;
4 b) logic for selecting a supplier site from a set utilizing the graphical user interface,
5 the set of supplier sites being determined based on the definition of the items; and
6 c) logic for determining a distribution center utilizing the graphical user interface,
7 the distribution center being designated to interface with the supplier site for
8 distribution of the items.

1 8. The system of claim 7, wherein the items are defined utilizing an item identifier, a
2 category, and a rank.

1 9. The system of claim 7, wherein the set of supplier sites are determined utilizing
2 on an association between the definition of the items and the supplier sites.

1 10. The system of claim 9, wherein the set of supplier sites are capable of supplying
2 the defined items.

1 11. The system of claim 7, wherein the supplier sites are defined utilizing a name and
2 a role identifier.

1 12. The system of claim 7, wherein the items are defined, the supplier site selected,
2 and the distribution center determined utilizing a network.

1 13. A computer program product for creating cost computer program product
2 components in a supply chain utilizing a network, comprising:
3 a) computer code for defining a plurality of items utilizing a graphical user interface;
4 b) computer code for selecting a supplier site from a set utilizing the graphical user
5 interface, the set of supplier sites being determined based on the definition of the
6 items; and
7 c) computer code for determining a distribution center utilizing the graphical user
8 interface, the distribution center being designated to interface with the supplier
9 site for distribution of the items.

- 1 14. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the items are defined
2 utilizing an item identifier, a category, and a rank.
- 1 15. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the set of supplier sites are
2 determined utilizing on an association between the definition of the items and the
3 supplier sites.
- 1 16. The computer program product of claim 15, wherein the set of supplier sites are
2 capable of supplying the defined items.
- 1 17. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the supplier sites are defined
2 utilizing a name and a role identifier.
- 1 18. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the items are defined, the
2 supplier site selected, and the distribution center determined utilizing a network.